

WEST CHESTER

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

CHESTER COUNTY COURT HOUSE

201 W Market St,

West Chester, PA 19380

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.

Thomas Bellwoar, Esq.

Brian Kent, Esq.

John May, Esq.

PITTSBURGH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Class Swissvale Center

4638 Centre Avenue,

Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.

Ben Andreozzi, Esq.

Nathan Foote, Esq.

Brian Kent, Esq.

PHILADELPHIA

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

District Attorney's Office

3 S Penn Square,

Philadelphia, PA 19107

Presenters

Jeff Dion, Esq.

Stewart Eisenberg, Esq.

Jeff Fritz, Esq.

Brian Kent, Esq.

Comments from previous attendees of "Civil Justice for Victims of Crime":

"Really enjoyed the presenter. He kept my attention the entire time. He was very compassionate and excited about helping victims."

"Presentation was great. Explained material without too much lawyer jargon."

CIVIL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME IN PENNSYLVANIA

If you can't answer these questions, how can a victim?

- What do victims gain through civil actions?
- What civil options are available to victims?
- How can civil actions help victims of homicide, stalking, rape, child sex abuse, domestic violence, drunk driving, fraud, elder abuse and identity theft?
- Where can victims find a lawyer?
- What is the appropriate role of a victim service provider?

Who should attend?

- Victim advocates working in government agencies and community based organizations;
- Mental health service providers;
- Law enforcement officers;
- Social Workers;
- Sexual Assault and Forensic Nurse Examiners;
- Prosecutors
- Policy Makers
- Probation and Parole Officers; and
- Victims of Crime.

The training seminars are free, but space is limited.

Register now on-line! Go to

www.victimsofcrime.org/training

The information on these seminars will be tailored to

Pennsylvania law. For more information, call The

National Center for Victims of Crime at 202-467-8700.

Co-sponsored by:

- PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- Office of the Commonwealth Victim Advocate
- PA Coalition Against Rape
- PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The National Center for Victims of Crime is the nation's leading resource and advocacy organization dedicated to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives.

About the Presenters

Ben Andreozzi

Mr. Andreozzi has broad experience litigating cases against schools, day care facilities, foster care agencies, churches, bars, hotels, and many other institutions whose actions have catastrophically harmed his clients. He has lectured on the east and west coasts on different topics including crime victim representation and sexual abuse litigation. Ben has represented clients from across the country in high profile cases and has regularly appeared in media outlets such as the Today Show, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, ABC World News, CBS Evening News, Anderson Cooper, The New York Times, USA Today, and many others. He is a member of the National Crime Victim Bar Association Advisory Board, the National Crime Victim Law Institute, the Pennsylvania Association for Justice, as well as other local bar associations. Mr. Andreozzi is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum and the Multimillion Dollar Advocates Forum, a select group of attorneys from across the country who have obtained a jury verdict or settlement in excess of \$2,000,000 in a single case.

Thomas Bellwoar

After receiving a bachelor's degree in Psychology at The Catholic University of America, Tom Bellwoar graduated from The Villanova University School of Law and was admitted to practice in 1990. In 1992 he was hired as a prosecutor for the Chester County District Attorney's Office where he tried a wide variety of misdemeanor and felony cases including murder, rape, assault, robbery, theft, drug delivery and possession. (In 1993, he handled a relatively simple case involving a dispute between neighbors. The attorney representing the defendants was a young sole practitioner named Stan Luongo. The two lawyers struck up a long lasting friendship that would eventually lead the foundation of their firm, Luongo Bellwoar LLP). Their mutual interest in bankruptcy, criminal defense, and personal injury law became the focus of their practice.

Jeffrey R. Dion

Jeff Dion has championed crime victims' rights for more than two decades. Jeff began advocating for victims in 1982, when his twenty-three year old sister, Paulette, was murdered by a serial killer. In honor of his sister's memory, Jeff lobbied the Virginia General Assembly, resulting in 13 victims' rights bills being enacted into law. In 1998, Jeff joined the staff of the National Center for Victims of Crime, where he currently serves as the Director of the National Crime Victim Bar Association.

Nathan Foote

Nathaniel L. Foote is a crime victim and personal injury attorney at Andreozzi & Associates. Nate joined the firm during after graduating from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law, and discovered a passion for helping crime and sexual abuse victims seek civil justice and compensation. Nate works tirelessly to recover for clients' injuries, and help them move on with their lives. He focuses on litigation against perpetrators and institutions that enable crime and abuse, including schools, daycares, foster care agencies, churches, bars, hotels, and many others. Nate is a member of the National Crime Victim Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, and Pennsylvania Association for Justice, and other local bar associations.

Jeffrey Fritz

Is experienced in representing crime victims on behalf of survivors of murder, assault, sexual assault and molestation. He has obtained multiple settlements and verdicts of more than \$1,000,000.00 and was a member of the Tropicana garage collapse trial team, which obtained the largest construction accident settlement in U.S. history, totalling \$101 million. Five workers were killed and more than 30 were catastrophically injured when five stories of the Tropicana Casino and Hotel's garage, which was under construction, collapsed on October 30, 2003 in Atlantic City, NJ. Along with co-counsel, Ben Andreozzi, he now represents several victims of former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky in claims against Penn State University. Mr. Fritz is a 1996 Cum Laude graduate of Widener University School of Law. He is a member of the bar in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is also a charter member, advisory board member and past president (2010 & 2011) of the National Crime Victim Bar Association, a national organization of attorneys and professionals devoted to obtaining civil justice for the victims of crime

Brian Kent

Prior to representing personal injury victims, Brian was fighting for the rights of sexual assault victims as a prosecutor in the Sex Crimes Unit of the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. In addition to representing those injured on the job in workplace accidents, Brian draws upon his experience as a prosecutor to represent victims of crime in civil lawsuits. Brian has a Masters in Trial Advocacy from Temple University's Beasley School of Law and currently serves as a lecturer in the trial advocacy program at Drexel University School of Law. He has combined his passion for helping those hurt and injured on the job in workplace accidents and those who are victims of crime with his expertise in the courtroom. He's quickly risen up the ranks among the preeminent personal injury lawyers in New Jersey, having worked on numerous cases resulting in multi-million dollar settlements.

John May

John H. May was born and raised in Lancaster County and graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School in 1989. John is the third generation of his family to practice law in Lancaster since 1929, and in addition to founding the Personal Injury Law Group, is a partner with his father in May, Metzger & Zimmerman, LLP. Following his clerkship, John spent three years as a prosecutor in the Office of the District Attorney of Lancaster County, where he prosecuted homicides and other serious felonies. Ultimately, during his time in the office he was appointed head of the child abuse unit. It was during his time in the DA's office, working with crime victims that John discovered his passion for trial work and standing up for people who have been hurt. In 2004, John left the prosecutor's office and entered private practice with May, Metzger & Zimmerman, LLP. In 2008, John decided to focus his practice representing injured plaintiffs, joined forces with Bruce A. Roth, and the Personal Injury Law Group was born.